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SUBJ: COOPERATIVE SPACE ACTIVITIES - VISIT OF DR. HIDEO SHIMA

REF: (A) KRATZER - BASTEDO TELECON, NOV 12, 1973

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE VERBALE TRANSMITTED BY REF (B),  
DISPATCHED OCTOBER 31.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS  
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN JAPAN  
AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT THE JAPANESE NATIONAL SPACE  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A DOWN-RANGE  
STATION IN THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL RANGE ON KWAJALEIN  
ISLAND DURING APRIL 1, 1975 - MARCH 31, 1977 (2 YEARS) IN  
ORDER TO TRACK ROCKETS RELATING TO ENGINEERING TEST SATELLITE-I  
AND INOSPHERIC SOUNDING SATELLITE MISSIONS, WHICH ARE  
SCHEDULED TO BE LAUNCHED BY NASDA FROM TANEGASHIMA SPACE  
CENTER IN 1975, AND TO CONDUCT ROCKET TRACKING OF OTHER  
JAPANESE SATELLITES, AND WISHES TO REQUEST UNDERSTANDING  
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AND COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE ENCLOSING THE FOLLOWING LISTS:

1. USG FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH THE JAPANESE  
SIDE WISHES TO USE.
2. LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED BY NASDA IN  
THE MARSHALLS DOWN RANGE STATION."

ATTACHMENTS TO NOTE WERE ALSO TRANSMITTED BY REF (B). IF REF-  
AIRGRAM NOT YET RECEIVED, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF TEXT  
OF ATTACHMENTS ALSO DESIRED BY CABLE.

2. EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY THAT USG NOTE PROVIDING AFFIRMATIVE  
RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF DOWN-RANGE TRACKING  
STATION ON KWAJALEIN IS MINIMUM CONDITION FOR SUCCESSFUL MEETING.  
WHILE OFFER OF US TRACKING SHIP WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE APPRECIATED  
AS EVIDENCE COOPERATIVE US ATTITUDE, WE CONTINUE TO DOUBT THAT  
IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO NASDA, IN VIEW HIGH OPERATING COSTS.  
MOREOVER SALE OF PORTABLE LAND-BASED, DOWN-RANGE STATION WILL INVOLVE  
SUBSTANTIAL REVENUES FOR SUCCESSFUL US BIDDER.

3. IF SKYLAB III LAUNCH STILL SET FOR NOVEMBER 15, EMBASSY  
SUGGESTS INVITATION TO ATTEND BE EXTENDED TO DR. SHIMA. WE  
DOUBT SHIMA WOULD WISH TO INTERFERE WITH WASHINGTON VISIT BY  
ACCEPTING, BUT COURTESY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE APPRECIATED.  
SHIMA SPENDING NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 13 IN LOS ANGELES BILTMORE AND  
ARRIVES WASHINGTON UNITED FLT 52 AT 1545 NOVEMBER 14, STAYING  
AT EMBASSY ROW HOTEL.  
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